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JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS

Juvenile Justice Authority Commissioner J. Russell Jennings today announced that Kansas has received a federal grant of \$197,800 to improve the management of juvenile sex offenders.

“The M.O.S.A.I.C. Project, Management of Sex Offenders Across Integrated Communities, is designed to improve adherence to the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act (the Adam Walsh Act), and ensure that supervision officers are using best practices in the management of juvenile sex offenders,” Commissioner Jennings said. “At the same time, it will allow us to improve public knowledge of victim and public rights pertaining to juvenile sex offenders and their reintegration into society.”

The grant provides for creation of a multi-disciplinary team composed of representatives from institutional and community corrections, treatment providers, law enforcement, judiciary, prosecution, criminal defense and victim advocacy. The team will assist staff in implementing a comprehensive review of current registration, notification, supervision and treatment practices in all judicial districts and develop a comprehensive training protocol for improving these processes. The team will also be involved in developing regional community forums to provide evidence based research and information concerning public misperceptions regarding juvenile sex offenders, victim rights information and notification requirements.

“The M.O.S.A.I.C. Project will allow us to continue our efforts to improve public safety in Kansas by improving our ability to supervise this population of juvenile sex offenders,” Commissioner Jennings said.

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